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EXTERNAL ROTOR CUP

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**AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following replacement paragraph.

a' Figure 2 is a perspective view of a rotor cup 22 including an annular flange 24. In one embodiment, flange 24 is unitary with rotor cup 22. Rotor cup 22 further includes a circumferential sidewall 26 having a first diameter 28, a top surface 30, and an open bottom 32. Sidewall 26 has a height  $h_1$  measured between top surface 30 and a top edge 36 of annular flange 24. Annular flange 24 is fabricated from the same material as rotor cup 22. In one embodiment, annular flange 24 is fabricated from stamped steel. Annular flange 24 is substantially circular in shape and has an inside diameter 38 and an outside diameter 40. Inside diameter 38 is smaller than outside diameter 40. Annular flange 24 has a height  $h_2$  measured between a bottom edge 44 and top edge 36. In addition, annular flange 24 is outwardly flared from sidewall 26 by an angle  $\Phi$  measured between sidewall 26 and bottom edge 44. Angle  $\Phi$  permits annular flange 24 to